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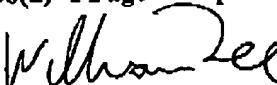
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 Hormone Receptor Antagonists for the Treatment of Obesity
 Group Art Unit: 1614
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In response to the Office Action of September 17, 2004, applicants are filing the following amendment with a one-month extension of time. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.